

Use of Force Statistics

Type of Force

Type of Force Used	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	5 Year Average
Discharge of Firearm	2	6	3	1	4	4
Less Lethal Firearm	1	1	0	1	0	1
ECD	6	14	13	20	22	17
K9	1	0	3	1	0	1
LVNR	5	4	8	6	16	9
OC Spray	5	1	5	9	8	6
Other Force	4	3	2	1	2	2
Physical Control	204	224	172	143	144	171
Strikes w/ASP	0	0	1	2	2	1
Strikes w/o Weapon	11	25	22	20	16	21
Vehicle	0	0	2	0	0	1
Total	239	278	231	204	214	232

Table 9

Overall use of force declined in 2018, likely due to the training and programs HCPD has implemented over the last several years. A focus on de-escalation and non-escalation has been at the core of use of force training through the Education and Training Division. Other training programs focused on specific areas such as ICAT (Integrated Communications, Assessments, and Tactics), Cultural Awareness training, CIT (Crisis Intervention Teams), Community Oriented Policing, Biased Based Policing, Individuals with Developmental Disabilities, etc. appear to be having an impact.

In addition, the Education and Training Division has shifted the philosophy of the defensive tactics program over the years, moving away from "overwhelming force" to "least amount of force" to control a situation.